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In re the Application of: **FUJITA, Kouji**

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Serial No.: **10/684,484**

Examiner: **Suezu Y. Ellis**

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For: **PHOTOELECTRIC SENSOR FOR DETECTING PRESENCE/ABSENCE OF OBJECT (as amended)**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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December 29, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 5, 2005,** entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested. An Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.